

## « Viral infection »

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## Viral Infections

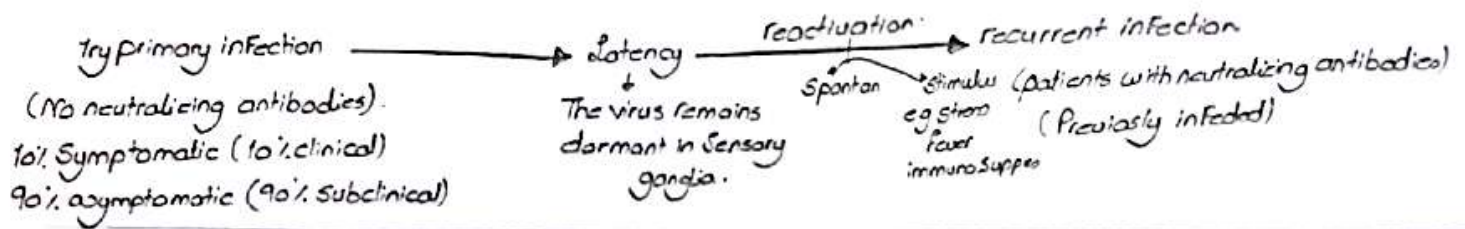
### ① Herpes Simplex viruses (HSV-1, HSV-2)

\* HSVs Have worldwide distribution and produce primary, latent and recurrent infections.

\* There are ② Subtypes of HSV which show no cross immunity:

(direct Contact with Contaminated Saliva) HSV-1 :: affects skin and Oral mucosa

(Sexual Contact) HSV-2 :: affects genital areas. (HSV-1 may also be found in genital infection « Oro-genital Sex »)



\* Diagnosis → \*\* All persons infected with HSV are potentially contagious whether or not the lesions are visible because of asymptomatic viral shedding.

① Viral Culture

② Tzanck Smear → For rapid preliminary diagnosis  
 → it shows multi-nucleated epithelial giant cells (fusion of infected keratinocytes).  
 → it does not differentiate between HSV and VZV

③ DFA (Direct Fluorescent antibody) assay:  
 → able to distinguish between HSV and VZV.

④ PCR :: Rapid / Sensitive / Specific Method to detect HSV DNA.

⑤ Serological Tests (Western blot) ✓ gold standard for serological assay

- 99% Sensitive & Specific for HSV antibodies.

- Other Tests That Can differentiate between HSV-1 & HSV-2 antibodies.  
 Depend on (Type-specific glycoprotein)

G1 From HSV-1 & G2 From HSV-2.

⑥ Biopsy :: to exclude cutaneous conditions that can mimic HSV  
 e.g. → Vesicular eczematous dermatitis  
 or recurrent FDE on genitalia.

### Histopathology ::

(1) Ballooning degeneration of epidermal cells → marked acantholysis → intraepidermal vesicle

(2) Eosinophilic intranuclear bodies surrounded by a clear halo → are usually seen in balloon cells.

### → Clinical Manifestations of HSV-1 & HSV-2.

	Immuno-Competent individual	Immuno-Compromised individual
HSV-1	→ primary infection usually asymptomatic • Herpetic gingivostomatitis • Herpes labialis • Herpetic whitlow.	• widespread local infection • chronic ulcers • disseminated cutaneous infections. • disseminated visceral infections.
HSV-2	→ primary infection usually asymptomatic • Herpes genitalis (primary & recurrent) • Herpetic whitlow.	



## \* Clinical Features:

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### Primary Herpes Simplex

IP 3-7 days

→ Affect children (2-5 yrs)

→ Prodrome: Fever / malaise  
→ Localized burning  
→ Tender lymphadenopathy

occurs before  
the onset  
of lesions

→ Lesions: Large painful vesicles on erythematous base  
(no tendency to grouping)  
vesicles → pustules → erosions.  
→ Crusting → Spontaneous resolution (2-6 weeks)  
→ Regional LNs are enlarged & tender.

### \* Clinical Varieties:

① Herpes Labialis (Facialis): \* Commonest

\* Site: (Lips) are the most frequent site.  
→ Nose - cheeks - ears → may also be affected.

\* post-herpetic erythema Multiforme may occur (within 9 days)  
(Herpes-associated erythema Multiforme).

② Eczema Herpeticum (Kaposi's Varicelliform eruption):

\* with HSU → in patients with pre-existing dermatoses e.g. atopic dermatitis AD  
→ Boring diseases  
→ MF, PF  
→ ichthyosis, burn.

\* Clinically: Extensive eruption of vesicles & pustules  
Occur mainly on areas of pre-existing dermatosis  
+ Fever.

→ Face (usually severely affected) + marked edema.

→ The presence of Monotonous discrete 2-3 mm Hemorrhagic crusts  
Diagnostic.

③ Keratoconjunctivitis

→ Can be primary or recurrence

→ recurrence → present with branching dendritic Corneal ulceration (seen with fluorescent stain)  
→ can lead to scarring & blindness.

④ Gingivostomatitis

⑤ Inoculation HS (Herpetic whitlow): HS infection of the digits in dental & medical personnel (don't routinely use gloves)

⑥ Herpetic Folliculitis: of the bearded region in males

⑦ HS pneumonia: (Fatal)

⑧ HS encephalitis: Manifest as: Seizures / irritability / tremors / bulging fontanelle

⑨ HS in compromised host (Disseminated HS):

Etiology: a) Wiskott-Aldrich Syndrome  
b) Lymphoma - leukaemia  
c) Severe burn  
d) Prolonged immunosuppressive therapy  
e) AIDS.

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### Manifestations

#### Chronic ulcerative HS

→ persistent ulcers & erosions  
→ starting on the face or perioral area.  
→ may be widespread extension → Systemic HS  
→ Chronic perineal ulcerative HS →  
(young males homosexuals in AIDS)

#### Generalized acute mucocutaneous HS

\* Starts with localized vesicular eruption located in genital areas (in HSU2) or other areas (in HSU1)  
\* Rapid dissemination with Fever may occur suggestive of Small pox or Varicella.  
\* Death may result.

#### Systemic HS

- Usually follows oral or genital lesions of HS  
As  
→ area of Necrosis in liver  
→ adrenal-pancreatic death.

⑩ Herpes gladiatorum : → HSV primary infection, primarily noted in wrestlers الحصاريب ③  
→ involving extra-mucosal sites typically over face, neck, or arms.

### ⑪ Neonatal Herpes Simplex

\*\* The risk of Transmission to the neonates from an infected mother is

(High) 50% → among women with 1st episode genital herpes near the time of delivery  
and (Low) <3% → among women with recurrent herpes.

Ⓐ Early intra-uterine infection : → Disturbed embryogenesis  
not compatible with life

Ⓑ Late intra-uterine infection : → growth & psychomotor retardation.  
Microcephaly

Ⓒ Neonatal infection : → localized cutaneous HS in scalp or buttocks.  
Widespread recurrent vesicular eruption (resemble epidermolysis bullosa)

### ⑫ Genital Herpes (Herpes progenitalis):

#### Primary genital infection

\* More severe & prolonged than recurrent infection.

① Constitutional symptoms

② Painful grouped vesicles in genitalia → pustules  
→ Crusting → Tender ulcers

③ Painful lymphadenopathy

④ Cervicitis / urethritis / proctitis.

#### Recurrent genital herpes

\* More frequent with HSV-2 > HSV-1.

\* Mild

① limited number of vesicles reappear  
on the genitalia or buttocks.  
(especially in women).

② Prodrome followed by :  
grouped vesicles → pustule →  
ulceration → resolution (1 week).

③ Complications are uncommon.

④ Frequency of recurrence correlates  
with the severity of the 1st infection.



## Treatment of HSV

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### Prophylactic

- ① Avoid trigger factors
- ② CS in pregnant Female with genital HSV.
- ③ Male & Female with H. progenerialis :-
  - Avoid intercourse if there is a history of H. progenerialis in male or female.
  - Spermicidal Foam for ♀ and Condom for ♂
  - Followed by wash with water & Soap after intercourse.
- ④ Specific vaccines to prevent recurrence
- ⑤ Non-Specific immune therapy e.g. interferons.

### Curative

- ① Vesicular stage : antiseptic e.g. gentian violet
- Crusted stage : antiseptic ointment + Systemic antibiotic (2ry infection)
- ② Antiviral Therapy :
  - Herpes Labialis
    - Acyclovir 5% + Hydrocortisone 1% Cream
    - مرآت في اليوم لمدة ٥ أيام
    - اقراص Valacyclovir (جرعة عالية) - مرآت في اليوم واحد

### Herpes progenerialis

- | <u>First episode</u>       | <u>Recurrence</u>          | <u>Recurrent in Setting of HIV infection</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| - Acyclovir 400 mg         | - Acyclovir 400 mg         | - Acyclovir 400 mg                           |
| مرآت في اليوم لمدة ١٠ أيام | مرآت في اليوم لمدة ٥ أيام  | مرآت في اليوم                                |
| - Valacyclovir 1gm         | - Valacyclovir 500 mg      | - Valacyclovir 1gm                           |
| مرآت في اليوم لمدة ١٠ أيام | مرآت في اليوم لمدة ١٣ أيام | مرآت في اليوم                                |
- Recommended until all Mucocutaneous Lesions are Healed.

### \* Benefits of early H. of H. progenerialis :??

Early (24-48 hours of onset).

Acyclovir, Famciclovir, Valacyclovir.

- ① Reduce Pain ↓↓ ألوج
- ② Reduce The duration of Viral shedding
- ③ Reduce The Time to heal for 1st episode
- ④ Reduce Recurrent genital Herpes.

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- Recommended until all mucocutaneous Lesions are Healed

### \* ImmunoCompromised

- Acyclovir 400 mg
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  - Valacyclovir 1gm
  - مرآت في اليوم
- Recommended until all Mucocutaneous Lesions are Healed

### \* Neonatal HSV

- Acyclovir 20 mg/kg
- IU / 8hs
- For 21 days

H. of acyclovir-resistant herpes Simplex virus infection.

### ③ Photoactivation

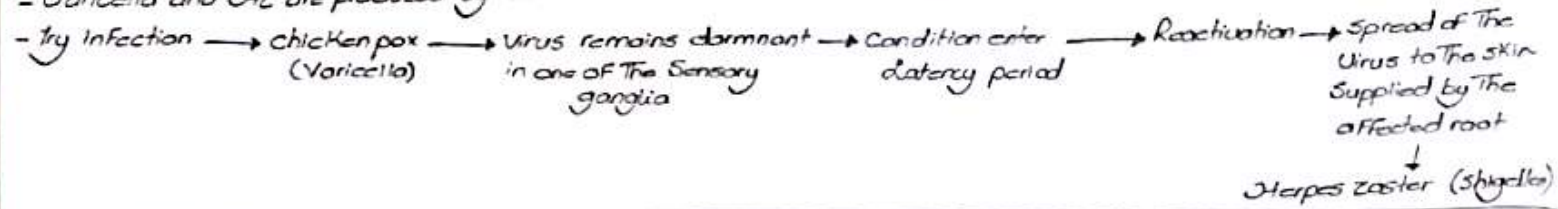
Painting The lesion with dye صبغة → Neutral red & toluidine blue  
& Then exposing it to Fluorescent light.

## :: Varicella and Herpes zoster ::

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### Etiology:

- Varicella and HZ are produced by The Same Viruse ( Varicella zoster Virus ).



### \* Varicella (Chicken pox) ::

\* Commonly affect children

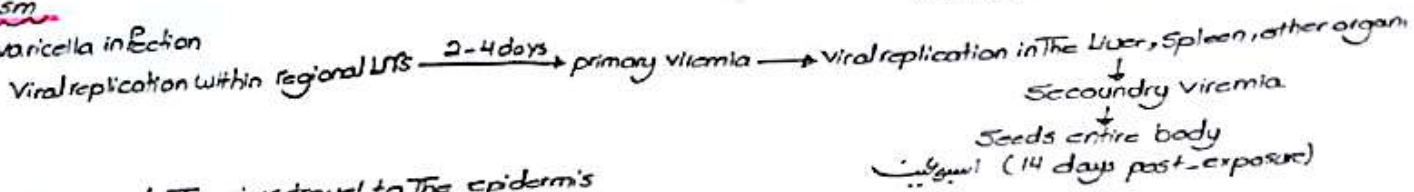
\* Mode of transmission: ① Airborne droplets (usual route) ② Direct Contact with vesicular fluid.

\* Incubation period: 11-20 days

\* Varicella is Highly Contagious → 80-90% of Household Contacts → develop clinical infection.  
→ The affected individual is infectious from 1-2 days before skin lesions appear until all of vesicles have crusted.

### \* Mechanism

\* During varicella infection



\* During This period, The virus travel to The epidermis by invading The Capillary endothelial cells → Then VZV Travels from The mucocutaneous lesions to dorsal root ganglion cells where it remains latent → until reactivation:

### \* Clinically

• Fever → rash develops (macule → papule → vesicle (1-3mm diameter) with a clear serous fluid surrounded by a narrow red halo → pustule → crust → "dew drops on a rose petal" → pustule → crust → Separates without scar 'unless Secondary infected'  
• New lesions continue to develop → so different stages of lesions can be observed in The Same time (polymorphic) • The lesions are more numerous on Trunk.

\* A person with zoster → Can infect another with chicken pox → if The Susceptible individual Comes into direct Contact with vesicular fluid.

\* Individuals with chicken pox or zoster → Cannot directly give another person zoster → because Herpes zoster is caused by reactivation of latent VZV.

### Complications

- ① Varicella pneumonia : (adults with Varicella) , 10% Mortality rate
- ② Reye's Syndrome : Varicella + Fatal encephalopathy
- ③ Neonatal Varicella : Fatal, Disseminated, → if The mother has developed varicella 5 days before delivery
- ④ Varicella in Compromised host : Dissemination to Various organs e.g Varicella pneumonia → Death.

### Treatment of Varicella:

- ① Calamine Lotion
- ② Cut nail short and wearing gloves
- ③ Anti-histamine
- ④ Topical or systemic antibiotic in any infection
- ⑤ Anti-viral.



## Herpes Zoster

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\* Occurs in adults (>50 years) , 5% are children.

\* Clinically : ① Pain :: is usually 1st Manifestation.

② 3-4 days after → group of vesicles on an erythematous base → arranged along the course of the sensory nerve.  
→ Strictly unilateral, lesions may be hemorrhagic or necrotic & ulcerated.

③ Regional LNs : enlarged, Tender.

④ Healing :: within 2-3 weeks, usually with scar formation.

\* Mode of Transmission : (1) Direct Contact (with broken blisters) , (2) Airborne droplets.

\* Patients are Contagious (Less Than Varicella), Newborns are at high risk of getting chicken pox from someone who has HZ

\* Complications

① Post-herpetic neuralgia (PHN) → characterized by dysesthetic pain that persists after the skin lesions have healed.

• affect 10-20% of HZ patients and ++ in incidence & severity with age.

• it is either → Continuous burning pain with hyperaesthesia  
→ Spasmodic shooting type.

② Secondary infection

③ Gangrene of skin

④ HZ ophthalmicus : virus attack the gasserian ganglion (V) → GG

→ eruption on the tip of nose, upper eyelid, forehead.

→ Conjunctiva is red, swollen with superficial or deep Keratitis.

(NB) Lesions at tip of the nose → Signal possible → Since Nasociliary nerve is involved → which is a branch of the ophthalmic nerve.  
(Hutchinson's Sign) Ocular infection

(NB) ARNS → Acute retinal necrosis Syndrome may occur with zoster of the ophthalmic nerve.

⑤ Ramsay-Hunt Syndrome :: affection of the geniculate ganglion (GG) → ear pain/tinnitus/deafness  
→ loss of taste sensation from anterior 2/3 of tongue  
→ Facial palsy.

⑥ Motor involvement :: 5% of cases (commoner in older patients & those with malignancy)

⑦ HZ in compromised hosts → Disseminated HZ with systemic manifestations as → pneumonia, encephalitis

⑧ Disseminated HZ (unusual clinical presentation) → aegiacia

• persistent crusted verrucous lesions in HIV-infected patient → ① atypical HZ in HIV patient  
• post-herpetic hyperhidrosis. → ② more than 2 dermatomes affected ③ cross midline.

• Disseminated cutaneous disease (72 weeks outside the area of primary or adjacent dermatomes).

⑨ Systemic Manifestations : pneumonia, encephalitis, gastro-enteritis.

\* Diagnosis :

① Culture : → Don't grow on ordinary culture as HS  
→ grow on tissue culture (Human Fetal diploid kidney cell).

② Not pathogenic for several laboratory animals (as in HS)

③ Tzanck Smear → as HS

④ PCR → Highly sensitive & rapid technique

⑤ Serology → +ve for HZ (diagnostic) if serum has at least ④ fold increase in titre of VZV

# Treatment of VZV

## Prevention

### VZIG:

in immunocompromised patients within 96h (4 days) of exposure to varicella

Recommend for susceptible pregnant women Neonates whose mothers became infected shortly after birth.

Protection lasts for 3 weeks

Life attenuated VZV vaccine (Zostavax) (OKA strain)

FDA approved • very safe • High efficacy (96% in preventing Varicella or less severe disease).

Incidence of shingles

although the OKA strain can reactivate and lead to Herpes zoster (Mild), most cases of varicella following vaccination are due to wild type virus.

## General

Analgesics

② Vesicular stage → Cool Compresses

③ Crusted stage or any bacterial infection → Topical or systemic antibiotics

④ Care of ocular lesions

⑤ Carbamazepin (Tegretol) 600-800mg/day

⑥ Systemic Steroid ????

Incidence of post-herpetic Neurogia if started early

5-6 days of onset.

Redivine 40-60mg/day for 2-3 weeks.

## Antiviral agents

Effective: 1st 72 hours of vesicular eruption

or within 7 days → beneficial.

① Acyclovir (Zovirax) • Dose: 800mg 5 times daily for 7 days

Effective by IV, cream (useless).

Short Serum Half-life (2.5-4 hours) → frequent dosing

• if inhibit DNA polymerase • healing time & duration of Pain & effect on PHN

② Valacyclovir (Valtrex) • prodrug of acyclovir (L-Valeryl ester of acyclovir)

• Dose: 1gm 3 times daily for 7 days

• Oral bioavailability

• FDA approved for shingles

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• Oral bioavailability

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## Time PHN

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③ Foscarnet (Foscavir)

Varicella zoster virus infection

Varicella :: 20mg/kg → 7-10 days

Acyclovir :: 800mg → 5 times daily / 7-10 days

Valacyclovir :: 1gm → 3 times daily / 7 days

Famciclovir :: 500mg → 3 times daily / 7 days

Immunocompromised 20mg/kg Acyclovir IV/8h For 7-10 days

Pediatric immunocompromised 10mg/kg IV/8h For 7-10 days



## Treatment of PHN

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- ① Analgesics
- ② Anti-viral → Famciclovir } within 72 h from 1st vesicle. Both drugs ↓ duration & pain of PHN in ptn > 50 yrs  
Valacyclovir
- ③ Corticosteroids → Used alone or in combination with anti-viral drugs  
↓ inflammation → ↓ further nerve damage → ↓ chronic pain associated with it.
- ④ Anti-Convulsants → Carbamazepin (Tegretol) - 600-800 mg/day  
Gabapentin (Neurontin) : 1st day : 300 mg 1 tablet  
2nd day : 2 tablets  
3rd day : 3 tablets  
(and on → doses ranging up to 3600 mg/day)  
\* During acute Herpes zoster : (Valacyclovir + Gabapentin)  
↓  
Together are more effective in preventing PHN than Valacyclovir alone.  
Pregabalin (Lyrica) - Dose : 75-150 mg twice daily  
- The dose may be increased to 300 mg/day within 1 week based on efficacy and tolerability  
- in patients with reduced renal function → adjust the dose as it is primarily eliminated by renal excretion.
- ⑤ Tricyclic anti-depressants :  
cg amitriptyline (Tryptizol 10-25 mg) → up ↑ 75 mg
- ⑥ Nerve block : Sympathetic & Somatic nerve blocks.
- ⑦ Nerve Surgery
- ⑧ Local treatment : → EMLA cream  
Capsaicin → 8% Capsaicin patch → recently approved by FDA for PHN  
↓ ↓ reduce pain up to 12 weeks  
after a 1 hour application.

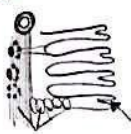
## Human papilloma virus

① Common wart (Verruca vulgaris) → Firm papules, with verrucous hyperkeratotic surface

- occurring singly or in groups.
- Commonly on dorsal aspect of hands & fingers
- periungual warts are common

### ② Histopathological criteria of Verruca vulgaris.

- (1) Hyperkeratosis, Acanthosis, papillomatosis
- (2) Rete ridges → are elongated, point radially towards the center of the wart
- (3) groups of large vacuolated cells → in upper stratum Malpighi & in granular layer
- (4) other of parakeratosis lies over the crest of the papillomatous elevation



③ Filiform wart:

Shows a thread-like horny projection arising from a horny base.

Seen most commonly on face/scalp

Butchers → high incidence of W hands.

④ Verruca plana:

- Slightly elevated, flat, smooth papules, linear arrangement in scratch marks (Koebner phenomenon)
- Some patients with flat warts develop clinically evident inflammation around this wart → precedes their spontaneous involution

### Histopathology

- Hyperkeratosis, Acanthosis
- No papillomatosis or parakeratosis
- Numerous vacuolated cells lie in the upper stratum Malpighi in granular cell layer
- Horny layer, pronounced basket-weave appearance → resulting from vacuolation of the horny layer.

⑤ Planter wart (v. plantaris)

Commonly → pressure points → heel / metatarsal areas  
painful (usually)

Usually have rough keratotic surface, studded with multiple small black dots  
(Thrombosed capillaries within dermal papillae)  
peripheral rim of thickened skin

When multiple warts coalesce into large plaque → it is called (Mosaic wart)

⑥ Myrmecia (Deep palmoplantar wart):

Deep, tender, endophytic lesions  
They don't coalesce,  
They are usually covered with a thick callus → its removal → soft brownish tissue & small bleeding points

### Histopathology in Myrmecia:

The nuclei of epidermal cells is deeply basophilic surrounded by a clear zone.  
Cytoplasm contains large, irregularly shaped, homogeneous eosinophilic inclusions → representing keratohyaline





## \* Mucosal infection

① Cervix acummatum (Ano-genital wart) : Q: QIP 8th of genital wart.

\* Mode of Transmission : ① Sexual contact & Most Common  
② non-sexual route : via Families.

\* 90% of Cervix acummatum → related to HPV types 6 and 11 (Least neoplastic potential)

\* Clinically : → Single or Multiple papular eruption.

→ Eruption may appear → pearly  
→ Filiform  
→ Fungating  
→ Cauliflower  
→ plaque like

→ They can be → quite smooth (on penile shaft)

→ Verrucous  
→ Lobulated

→ Eruptions may seem → harmless  
→ may have disturbing appearance.

\* Site : (Areas with ++ Friction, during intercourse).

♂ : glans penis, Frenulum, Corona, prepuce, shaft, scrotum

♀ : Labia, Clitoris, periurethral area, associated vaginal or cervical infection may occur.

(Both Sexes) : perineum  
perianal area (in Homosexuals male, after anal sex in Females).  
anal canal  
urethra, bladder.

\* Examination : all patients with genital wart should be examined by urethroscopy (urethral infection)  
or Colposcopy (For vaginal or cervical infection)

\* During pregnancy : genital warts may increase in size & number → obstructed labour.  
The wart may regress spontaneously postpartum.

\* In HIV patients : The lesions → larger  
→ more difficult to treat.  
→ ++ risk of dysplasia & neoplasia.

Epidermodysplasia Verruciformis (EV) Q: Epidermodysplasia Verruciformis.

- Rare, AR, Familial skin disease, usually begins in childhood.

\* Clinically : it is characterized by ① Long lasting, widespread flat, wart-like lesions → Face/arms/legs/back of hands.  
② Macular erythematous PV-like lesions → Face/neck/trunk/arms → tend to become confluent

\* Malignant transformation → of some cutaneous lesions occur in (1/2 of patients)

\* Etiology : Different HPV types occur in EV → Frequently 588 only HPV5 (Found in Most Cancers), HPV8 (oncogenic potential)

\* EV types → induce EV-like eruptions → in immunosuppressed patients (e.g AIDS, lymphoma patients)

\* EV-related HPV → have been isolated from normal skin of healthy individuals (Highly sensitive DNA detection)  
→ indicating that normal population act as a reservoir for EV types.

\* Recently → a mutation in 2 genes EVER1 & EVER2 → have been identified as cause of EV.

\* Histopathology

Dependent on The HPV type involved.

HPV-8 → induce flat wart like lesions → Similar to that of common wart.

HPV-5 (More extensive lesions) → swollen keratinocytes  
→ with light blue cytoplasm  
→ nuclei ranging from small & pyknotic → large with margined chromatin

Therapeutic Modalities For HPV infections

- ① Chemical destruction → e.g. Salicylic acid 2.5, Lactic acid 1.5
- ② Physical destruction → Surgical excision or electrosurgery. → HPV are resistant to heat (due to absence of viral envelope).
  - Cryotherapy → with liquid nitrogen } especially for genital warts (✓) Treatment of choice during pregnancy.
  - less commonly → CO<sub>2</sub>
- ③ Chemotherapeutic agents
  - podophyllin resin 20% in collodion → For genital warts.
  - podophyllotoxin 0.5% → applied by the patient at home. (twice daily) 3 days
  - Bleomycin → intralesional → non-genital warts.
  - 5FU
    - Topically
    - Vaginal & urethral wart.
    - adjuvant therapy → after laser → to ↓ recurrence.

④ Laser Therapy → Followed by Topical 5FU → to ↓ recurrence

⑤ Oral retinoids → For EU → as antiproliferative antiangiogenesis.

- ⑥ Imiquimod 5% cream (Aldara) → used in # of Condyloma acuminata in adults.
  - immune response modifier
  - **Unique** → it does not rely on physical destruction of the lesion as other therapies. But it is directed at eradication of the causative agent (HPV)
  - **Mechanism**
    - after viral infection → Keratinocytes and other cells release cytokines e.g. INF- $\alpha$ , TNF, IL-1
    - INF- $\alpha$  is cytokine → act to protect adjacent keratinocytes from viral infection
    - until specific CH1 response is induced
    - Topically applied Imiquimod (Aldara) can induce keratinocytes and other cells to release INF- $\alpha$  → to inhibit viral replication directly & to promote stronger CH1 response
  - **Application**
    - Cream → supplied in single dose packet.
    - applied to the involved area by the patient
    - 3 times / week at bedtime
    - washed after 6-10 hours
    - Treatment duration is up to 16 weeks
  - **Side effects**
    - Local irritation → erythema
    - itching
    - crusts.

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- ⑦ Systemic immunomodifiers
  - interferon  $\alpha$  2b → intralesionally → 3 times / week For Condyloma acuminata
  - Systemic # by SC or IV route with interferon → also been tried.

⑧ Immunotherapy of intralesional injection of Candida antigen.



# Molluscum Contagiosum (MC):

- \* Self limited
- epidermal

## Pox virus infection.

→ Characterized Clinically by → Single or Multiple, skin colored, umbilicated papules.  
 Occuring in → Children / Sexually active adults (20-29yrs)  
 in CHU +ve patients → numerous mollusca usually arise on the face.

## Etiology → Molluscum Contagiosum virus (MCV) <sup>Pox</sup>

Large / double stranded DNA virus.  
 2 types → MCV-1 <sup>Majority of infection (90%)</sup>  
 MCV-2

→ possible in Steam & Sauna Baths.

## Transmission

- ① skin to skin contact, clothing on towels → possible in Steam & Sauna Baths.
- ② Sexual : adults.
- ③ autoinoculation : atopic patients.

## Clinically

IP : 2 wks → 6 months

Site : Face, Trunk, axilla, Hands.

Sexual Transmission : genitalia / lower abdomen / upper thigh.

→ it is characterized by

- Single or Multiple
- Small (1-5mm)
- Skin colored or pearly white.
- Waxy, dome shaped
- Papule
- With Umbilicated Center. (which become more apparent after peeling with ethyl chloride).
- A Curd-like substance can be expressed from its center
- Sometimes the lesions become inflammatory
- Spontaneous disappearance within 6-9 months.

DD :- Flat wart  
 - Syringoma.

## CHU +ve patients

- ① Hundreds of lesions appear, mainly on the face.
- ② Giant Molluscum may occur.
- ③ Spontaneous regression does not occur.
- ④ HAART (Highly active anti-retroviral Therapy) → lesions often resolve.

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## Histopathology

- \* The epidermis grows down into the dermis as
- \* Multiple, closely packed lobules.
- \* Many epidermal cells contain large intracytoplasmic inclusion bodies (Molluscum bodies) <sup>pathogenomic</sup>

## Treatment

- \* Because the disease generally resolve spontaneously, self-limited
- \* Painful aggressive therapy is not indicated
- \* Avoid swimming pools, shared towels, local anesthetic with or without light electro-cautery
- \* Curettage (Emo cream) applied before therapy to pain
- \* Cryotherapy, chemical applications of TCA or phenol to the lesion.

Multiple closely packed lobules